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1. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 12 April 1952, a Polish coastal battery near Wisdroy (53°36'N/14°26'E) was observed firing at two practice targets. A tug with the two targets in tow was steaming up and down off the coast about 4,000 meters from the shore. No hits were observed.
2. From noon to 6 p.m. on 12 April, an AA battery near Swinemunde was seen firing at a sleeve target towed by a twin-engine aircraft with a red star as a distinguishing mark.
3. [redacted] fishing smack was caught in the beams of two searchlights. One of the searchlights was believed located at position 54°9'16"N/15°21'30"E. The other one was about 300 meters farther to the east. The position of the searchlight was checked by taking the bearing of the Kolberg lighthouse. The fishing smack turned away at once. The two searchlights were shut off shortly thereafter.
4. At 8:30 p.m. on 12 April 1952, seaward searchlight practices were observed near Swinemunde. Three searchlights, about 500 meters apart, apparently on the beach, were made out.
5. In April and May 1952, observation towers, about 500 to 700 meters apart, were seen lining the Polish-occupied coast between Swinemunde and 16 degrees longitude east. Small huts painted green were near the observation towers which were interconnected by overhead telephone lines on telephone poles with distinctly visible white porcelain insulators.

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